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Price \$2 per Month.

## Arrivals.

March 14 SHANTSBURG, Brit. str., 282, Barlow, Singapore 19th February, and Salford 1st March, 6,100 piculs Rice—JAMES MATHESON & Co.

March 15 FORMOSA, Brit. str., 458, Burnie, Shanghai 9th March, General—D. LAPRAK & Co.

## Departures.

March 14 DANUBE, str. for Shanghai.

March 14 LIMA, Oporto, str. for Shanghai.

March 14 ARAVADA, str. for Singapore.

March 14 FELICE, for Taiwan.

March 14 MADURA, for Whampoa.

March 14 ARAVADA, str. for Singapore, &c.

## Clearances.

At the HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, 14th March.

Theta, for Saigon.

Latvia, for Bangkok.

Oberton, for Bangkok.

Mills Tonnes, for Capo St. James.

China, for Whampoa.

Golden Hind, for Manila.

Scout, for Macao.

Marie, for Bangkok.

Asgard, for Siam.

## Passengers.

For Normans, str. from Shanghai.

Meers, O'Hara, Wilson, Page, Miss Ware, a Japanese Trumper, of tea performers, and 1 European deck.

For Shafayat, str. from Singapore, &c.

10 Chinese.

## Reports.

The British steamship *Shafayat* reports strong Northerly winds from date of leaving March 1st, with heavy head sea until the 11th; since then calm and dense fog.

The British steamer *Horizon* reports having passed the P.M.S.S. Costa Rica of the Lightship; 10th, passed Ockham, the S.S. *Clarendon*, and Chinese gun-boat were at anchor off the wreck of the *Don't*; of Breaker Point; passed the S.S. *Petrol* bound N. off Long-ml Point at 8.40 a.m., and the 12th passed N. off Long-ml Point, N. experienced dense fog, and light N.E. winds throughout the voyage; has been lying at anchor off the Nine Pins, since the 13th, landed passengers on the 13th and 14th by sampans.

## Auction Sale To-day.

J. M. ARMSTRONG.

Bunglow.

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, 1865-71.

DURING the temporary absence of the undersigned, Mr. AUGUSTINE D. STARKEY is authorized to sign Policies, and conduct the general business of this Agency.

J. KENNARD DAVIS:

74 418 Hongkong, 10th March, 1871.

The Business is promised, in the occupation of the Supreme Court, Queen's Road, Central. The Building can be let either as it stands, or re-arranged in sets of Offices, with or without dwelling rooms, as may be required.

App'd to Messrs. J. KENNARD & Co. (or Mr. H. KENNARD, Director), where Plans for the Alteration of the premises may be shown.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

74 386 Hongkong, 21st February, 1871.

## FOR SALE.

Es. "Norfolk" and "Aspirant."

PRIME H. ROSE, from 10th to 12th.

do. do. do. RAILROAD, from 6.

do. do. SPUNYARN, 2' thread and 3' thread.

do. do. HOSUELINE and MAR-

FATEN SIGNAL HALLARDS and LOG

and Lead LINES.

Ship Water CLOSETS.

Patient House WATER CLOSETS.

1/4" RIBBON, 1/2" RIBBON, assorted sizes.

BOLTS TUBES, assorted qualities.

GANAVAS, assorted qualities.

Prime Copenhagen Table BUTTER, in Tin.

Best Bremen Lager BEER.

At L. PEINKEL & Co.

Am 344 Hongkong, 22nd February, 1871.

FEELSA, O. D. A. L. B. E. T. O.

Widow of Alberto Alberto.

COMPRADE, STOREKEEPER, SAIL-

MAKER, CAULKER, &c.

Perveyor to H.M.S. *Gulaca*, by special ap-

pointment.

2m 2361 No. 2, Manila, Manila. [Feb. 5

## NOTICE.

EDUCATION.

On the rates of passage money from Hongkong.

UNTIL further notice, the rates of passage money by the Steamers of the Messageries Maritimes will be exactly the same as those charged by the Pacific and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, without any extra charge for Wines, &c., &c.

W. BEERBAND,

Principal Agent.

428 Hongkong, 9th March, 1871.

"Japan Mail" and "Japan Weekly Mail."

IAN, G. A. T. W. C. having been ap-

pointed agents for the two above-

named newspapers, are prepared to receive Ad-

vertisements and Subscriptions for the same.

Terms of Subscription, payable in advance:

Japan Mail, \$15 per annum; Japan Weekly Mail, \$10 per annum.

if 122 Hongkong, 16th January, 1871.

TAKASIMA & GOLIERY.

NAGASAKI.

THE Undersigned are prepared to supply

Coal for the Takasima Colliery (8 foot

season), in quantities required, to be delivered

on the spot.

The Specific Gravity of Takasima

coal is 1.245, it contains 82.07 per cent. of

Carbon, and is admitted to be fully equal to

the best English North Country Coal for steaming, and all other purposes.

GLOVER & Co.

Agent in Hongkong.

NOTON, LYALL & Co.

if 1851 Nagasaki, Japan, October, 1870.

## NOTICE.

ESTATE OF T. G. DONALDSON, Deceased.

All persons indebted to, or having claims

against the above Estate, are requested

to communicate with:

HIGH F. HAWKE.

One of the Executors.

if 2245 Hongkong, 24th December, 1870.

## SAIL MAKING.

WILLIAM DOLAN having returned to

Hongkong, has resumed his business at his old place in *Duddell Street*, and solicits the patronage of the Public.

He has on hand a fine assortment of 8 and 10 ounce RAVINS DUCK, suitable for Boat Sails,

if 1838 Hongkong, 30th April, 1869.

## Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL \$3,000,000 of Dollars.

Court of Directors:

Chairman—Hon. R. BOWES.

Deputy Chairman—T. P. FENWICK, Esq.

E. B. BELLIN, Esq.

H. E. LEONARD, Esq.

George J. HEDD, Esq.

S. D. SASSON, Esq.

J. J. COOT, Esq.

Manager—F. GREG, Esq.

Acting Chief Manager.

Shanghai—David McLean, Esq.

London Banker—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

INTERESTS IN CHINA.

On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months' 2 per cent. per annum.

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LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits—granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drifts—granted on London, and the chief commercial houses of Europe, India, Australia, America, China, &c.

JAMES GREG, Acting Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation.

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

1st February, 1871.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the half-year ending on 31st December last, is of \$1 per share, or \$150,000, and \$5 per paid-up share.

Twenty per cent. of the profits of the Company will be distributed annually as a Bonus among Contributing Shareholders, proportionately to the amount of premia paid by them.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.

Secretary.

184 Hongkong, 26th February, 1870.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the rate of 16/ per annum

or \$6 per share, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of shareholders, held yesterday, will be paid on the Hongkong Bank, on the 1st of April, and on the 1st of April next, at the rate of \$125, and \$3 per share on which \$75 have been paid, on and after THURSDAY, the 16th instant; when Shareholders are requested to apply at the office of the Corporation, when Shareholders are requested to apply at the office of the Company.

By order of the Board of Directors.

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NOW READY.

BOUNDED VOLUMES OF THE TRADE REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1870. Price 20/-  
Apply to the Daily Press Office,  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1871.Deliveries of the *Daily Press* from this office commence on Friday morning at 10.00, and the last surrengers off the news at 10.30.

The Daily Press

HONGKONG, MARCH 15th, 1871.

The letter from Mr. J. HANDBY to the *Times*, upon the inaction of Chung How, which we published on Saturday, contains only one statement in any way tending to alter the strong grounds for believing that official to be implicated in the massacre, which are already familiar to the public. The fact which is brought forward is, however, one of great importance, if it can be substantiated. It is said that Chung How took pains to warn the French Consul against the impending outbreak, having written to him before the 21st June, begging him not to treat lightly the excitement of the populace growing out of the supposed kidnapping. This, if it can be substantiated to the extent of showing that Chung How acted with a *bona fide* desire to prevent the outrage, would be an undeniably important fact in his favour; but it is essential to bear in mind that it is quite possible Chung How may have given a general warning to the French Consul, and at the same time have neither taken nor intended to take any active measures for preventing the massacre. The responsibility, which would rest upon Chung How after an occurrence such as that at Tientsin was of course obvious to that official; and the fact of his having given a general warning to the Consul not to treat lightly the excitement about the kidnapping, is not sufficient to prove him free of blame, unless it can be shown that he adopted at least the ordinary measures of precaution in order to put down the excitement, and to trace the malefactors, who were setting the rumours afloat. It is perfectly well known that he did not adopt such measures. He issued no proclamation; and he took none of the ordinary precautions, which, if he had been sincerely desirous of preventing the occurrence, would naturally suggest themselves to him. What steps a Chinese official should adopt under such circumstances are clearly explained in the memoirs of the late Victor M. Wroth, and in which he sets forth the measures he took, with respect to precisely similar rumours at Naukun. Ma, who acted with thorough honesty and courage, issued a proclamation, and in addition sent round notices to the heads of the wards, stating that the rumours were false, and calling upon these heads of wards to put down the plazards and to hunt out the culprits. The result of this was that Ma saved the lives of the French and other Missionaries at Naukun—unfortunately, however, at the sacrifice of his own, as there appears every reason to believe that his friendliness to foreigners was the reason of his being afterwards assassinated. If Chung How neglected to take such precautions as were adopted by Ma, as appears, so far as is yet known to be the fact, he did not adopt the customary measure of calling upon the heads of the wards to put down the rumours—a step among the Chinese of the most ordinary nature, and similar to “giving information to the police” among ourselves—what inference is to be drawn from the fact that he warned the French Consul not to treat these rumours lightly? Simply this—that his culpability is increased by the fact that he was fully aware of the dangerous state of affairs. The excuse which has never been gainsaid, that he did nothing to put down the disturbance, his strongest condemnation—a condemnation utterly unanswerable.

What is his own excuse? “That he had never,” as Mr. HANDBY puts it, “dreamt that matters could have gone to the extremity they did; that he was quite unprepared to put down such a sudden rising of the people, and that consequently they were temporarily masters of the situation.” Now what are we to believe? Chung How pleads, or rather Mr. HANDBY pleads for him, that he warned the Consuls before the 21st, because he was aware of the dangerous state of affairs, and that he could not prevent the disturbance because he was not aware of it. He had not dreamt that matters would go to the extremity they did. May it be asked to what extremity he had dreamt they would go when he warned the Consul—if ever he did so effectively at all—and what steps he took at that time for the prevention of the rising. That he did not adopt the most ordinary method among the Chinese, that of calling upon the Heads of the wards to put the illegal placards down, and arrest the malefactors—the plan successfully adopted by Ma—is perfectly clear from the fact that the Cho Hsien, his subordinate, took part in the issue of some of the inflammatory placards and encouraged the rioters.

Such could not have happened had Chung How seriously taken steps to put an end to the excitement.

It is quite possible that a thorough investigation of the matter would show that the assistance which Chung How gave towards the plot was chiefly of a negative nature. Probably in stating that he had no idea that affairs would carry him to the extreme they reached, he spoke the truth; but unless he can show clearly that he actively endeavoured to avert such calamity as he did think would arise, enough has come to light, without taking into account any collateral circumstances, to prove that he is not a proper person to be accredited as Ambassador; while, taken in conjunction with other circumstances now familiar to the public, there is sufficient to justify a strong opinion as to his complicity in the outrage. Whether he warned the French Consul before the 21st June or not, it is distinctly asserted that he took no notice of urgent representations which were made to him by the French and English Consuls. Before long, the full Parliamentary papers will in all likelihood reach this, and perhaps they may throw new light upon the subject. In the meantime, however, it is impossible to come to any other conclusion than that Chung How was in much mixed up in the affair, and is only a most unfit Ambassador, and an Ambassador to explain to the world that he may have been neglecting his duty, and failing to take the initiative in the mitigation of the consequences of the massacre, which he would otherwise be called to whose neglect

at the very least, the massacre was attributable, should be accredited as Ambassador to explain the circumstance, is simply an outrage upon common sense, and an insult to the nations to whom he is sent.

The steamer *Formosa* has been detained outside for two days, in consequence of the fire.

An announcement is given elsewhere that a Performance is shortly to be given by a Japanese Troop. They have been very highly spoken of in the northern papers, and to the critics are well worthy of plaudits.

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## CHINESE ENERGY IN TASMANIA.

The *Launceston Examiner* of the 17th Inst., observes:—"The Chinese have already obtained a footing amongst us, and, judging by present indications, it will not be long before they form a prominent part of our population. The complete success of the Chinese diggers at the Gold Coast is certain to bring on many more to the colony, their idea being to supply their countrymen on the other side with cured fish, an article of consumption forming a most important item in the daily food of the Celestials. Since their arrival in Tasmania the men have been seen working largely with respect to the kinds of fish obtainable in the Tamar, the result being, we believe, that they have come to the conclusion a sufficient quantity for their requirements cannot be procured, and one of these has consequently gone down to Hobart Town to see what can be done there."

## A WIDOW AND NO WIDOW.

Some short time back a widow with two children (states the *Cornwall Chronicle* of the 20th January), one 8 and the other 10 years of age, called upon the secretary of the Benevolent Society here to request that Mr. Trevelin made inquiries, and afford her some assistance. She was alone and able to support her family, the said that was impossible, as she had followed the body of her husband to the grave, and had worn mourning for him for eighteen months. It was evident that she had not what she stated was the true story. "That is," 1864, she was living with her husband, a blacksmith, at Hamilton, when he deserted her, and nothing was heard of him for months, until the body of a man was found burnt and charred where a bush had been in Epping Forest. Her husband was identified as that of the missing husband and the principal evidence of identification being the boots found on the dead body. This a shrewd officer deplored would the identical boots be found on the body of the man who had followed the widow to the grave, occurring at the tragical end of her lawful protector. From information received, Mr. Trevelin felt confident the husband of the poor woman was still alive, and by way of experiment a warrant was obtained for his apprehension. The result was the discovery of his lost husband in the Arrows district, where he had been working in one service for upwards of five years. He was brought to Launceston and to the bar of the Police Court on Tuesday last. His wife identified the runaway, and the meeting between the supposed burnt-out husband and his supposed widow and real children was an affecting scene.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Sunday, the 1st of January, 1871, will take its place among the memorable days in Irish history. It marks the close of the connection between Church and State in Ireland. A young woman's story has just been brought in. A sweet-looking Koran girl went out on the 1st side, dipping up from the chain of a party in a bucket, and going down to the river and washing it for her own advantage. There was a man in the party who thought she was too young to be a Koran girl, and he was too gallant to drive away a girl, although she did not belong to his own fair race. He allowed the girl to go on taking up ground from the surface, and when she had done, and laughed heartily. One friend the Englishman rushed over to see what the matter was, and found that she had picked up a diamond and a beauty too. The gentleman did the proper thing: he made her an offer on the spot. He is a first-rate family, from what we were told, and a Princess of African descent.

## COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

MARCH 14TH, EVENING.—There have been no change in the time of the drug market.—Transactions in New Patna have been done at \$525 cash, and \$527 on credit; B-nines, \$518 to \$520; Old Patna, \$500 to \$605, on credit; Old Baines, \$553 to \$605; Malwa, \$630.

MARCH 15TH, MORNING.—The quotations of this morning are New Patna, \$525 to \$54 cash, \$525 to \$527 on time; Baines, \$518 to \$521; Old Patna, \$500; Old Baines, \$560, on credit; Malwa, \$630.

During the last two days there has been a fair amount of business done in New Patna, and it is likely to continue, as the market is likely to remain from the news of peace and the termination of the New Year Holidays. Grey Shirts remain at about previous rates, but in T-Clubs, a slight advance is noticeable. Sales reported since the 18th inst. have been 3,000 pieces of 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140, 150, 160, 170, 180, 190, 200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 260, 270, 280, 290, 300, 310, 320, 330, 340, 350, 360, 370, 380, 390, 400, 410, 420, 430, 440, 450, 460, 470, 480, 490, 500, 510, 520, 530, 540, 550, 560, 570, 580, 590, 600, 610, 620, 630, 640, 650, 660, 670, 680, 690, 700, 710, 720, 730, 740, 750, 760, 770, 780, 790, 800, 810, 820, 830, 840, 850, 860, 870, 880, 890, 900, 910, 920, 930, 940, 950, 960, 970, 980, 990, 1000, 1010, 1020, 1030, 1040, 1050, 1060, 1070, 1080, 1090, 1100, 1110, 1120, 1130, 1140, 1150, 1160, 1170, 1180, 1190, 1200, 1210, 1220, 1230, 1240, 1250, 1260, 1270, 1280, 1290, 1300, 1310, 1320, 1330, 1340, 1350, 1360, 1370, 1380, 1390, 1400, 1410, 1420, 1430, 1440, 1450, 1460, 1470, 1480, 1490, 1500, 1510, 1520, 1530, 1540, 1550, 1560, 1570, 1580, 1590, 1600, 1610, 1620, 1630, 1640, 1650, 1660, 1670, 1680, 1690, 1700, 1710, 1720, 1730, 1740, 1750, 1760, 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